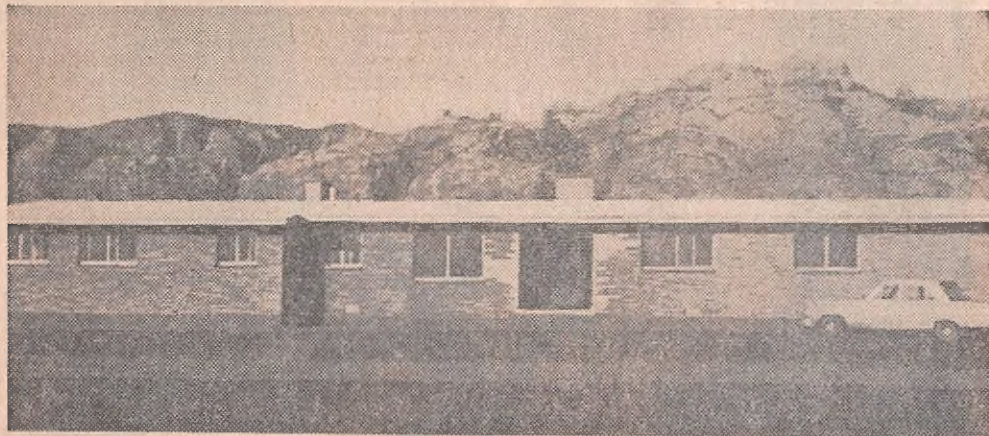


Dean and Laura Chew admire view from front entrance of their new but isolated home. Children are Doak, 11; Alan, 6; Renee, 8; Scot, 10; Queeda, 1½.



Chews take some comfort in their isolation as they enjoy magnificent views from both the front and rear of their home. In background is Split Mountain.

Green River Bridge 'Saves' 350 Hours

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JENSEN, Uintah County — A new bridge over the Green River here automatically contributed an extra 350 hours a year to the Dean Chew family.

Before the bridge was completed, Mrs. Chew (Laura) loaded her children into the family auto for the 11-mile trek to school. The journey was over a narrow, dangerous, dirt road which in some places rimmed a rock canyon of several hundred feet.

During bad weather, the only vehicle that would make the trip was a four-wheel drive truck.

"My heart was often in my throat as I pulled that truck out of skids and looked over the bank into that canyon," Mrs. Chew said.

After delivering the children to school, Mrs. Chew returned home and then made the return trip at the end of the school day. "It was a two-hour chore every school day," she said.

With the new bridge crossing the river, Mrs. Chew takes the children six miles over a flat road.

"We would never have made it to the hospital in time on the old road," Mrs. Chew said after her sixth baby was born recently.

The Chews had only two hours in a close race with the stork as it was, and the new road and bridge came in handy, both admit.

Mrs. Chew was raised in the



This new bridge over the Green River has brought the Chew family much nearer to modern civilization.

Vernal outskirts and has made the adjustment to an isolated rural life with ease. "My mother asked me when I got married if I thought I could live so far away from people. I told her, I could, and I have."

The Chews quarried their own rock for an elaborate new home. An unusual flagstone fireplace made from native rock is one of the highlights.

A spectacular view of Split Mountain is available from nearly every room in the home.

"We have had electricity for 10 years," Mrs. Chew explained. Recently telephone lines were strung from the main trunk to the Chew residence. The cost about \$600.

The children say they enjoy the freedom of the large ranch. The two older boys spend hours in the hills where they hunt or ride horseback. Two trailing hounds were added to the family's collection of pets recently.

"We just might get us a cat," Mr. Chew said.